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1. The Pro-Peace Movement of Venezuela planned to hold an informal meeting on 12 October 1953 in Caracas since General Jose Rafael GABALDON, president of the Pro-Peace Movement of Venezuela was expected to be in Caracas on that date.
2. It is planned to form a new Committee, which will include a number of fairly prominent figures in the political and social sphere of Venezuela. General GABALDON, however, will continue as president of the group.
3. Towards the end of September General GABALDON met with Dr. Laureano VALLENILLA Lanz, Minister of the Interior, to discuss the Pro-Peace movement. VALLENILLA Lanz assured General GABALDON that, so long as the Peace Movement did not attack the government, the government had no desire to impede or molest the Movement in its domestic or foreign activities. VALLENILLA Lanz added: "It is the United States Embassy which insists that your Movement be nullified."
4. The Peace Council plans to hold a meeting at an undetermined place in Europe before the end of the year to organize the next International Peace Congress. This Peace Council will be open only to chosen delegates. Venezuela expects to send a delegation of three people. Probably General Jose Rafael GABALDON will be sent from Venezuela, and in Europe he will join Jonas MILLAN and Antonio Jose ESTEVEZ Aponte, musician and composer and member of the Directive Commission of the Council, who will also attend the Peace Council.

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